

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA BILL,

**Vol. I.**

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**REPORT**

AND

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

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*Die Martis 24 Junii 1919*

Message from the Commons that they have come to the following Resolution to which they desire the concurrence of this House viz That it is expedient that the Government of India Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons The said message to be taken into consideration on *Monday* next

*Die Lunae 30 Junii 1919*

Commons Message *considered* (according to order) *Moved* That this House do concur in the Resolution communicated by the Commons That it is expedient that the Government of India Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons (The Lord President (*E Curzon of Kedleston*)) *agreed to* and a Message ordered to be sent to the Commons to acquaint them therewith

*Die Lunae 7 Julii 1919*

Message from the Commons that they have appointed a Committee to consist of Seven Members to join with a Committee of this House to consider the said Bill and to request this House to appoint an equal number of Lords to be joined with the Members of their House

Commons Message of this Day *considered* (on motion) *Moved* That a Committee of Seven Lords be appointed to join with the Committee of the Commons as mentioned in the said Message

(The Lord President (*E Curzon of Kedleston*)) *agreed to* The Lords following were named of the Committee —

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| Duke of Northumberland<br>Marquess of Crewe<br>Earl of Selborne<br>Lord Brodrick (Viscount Midleton) |  | Lord Islington<br>Lord Sydenham<br>Lord Sinha |
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*Ordered* That such Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman Then a Message was ordered to be sent to the Commons to inform them of appointment of the said Committee by this House and to propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room A on *Thursday* next at half past Two o'clock

*Die Martis 8<sup>o</sup> Julii 1919*

Message from the Commons that they have ordered that the Committee appointed by them to join with the Committee of this House to consider the said Bill do meet the Lords Committee in Committee Room A on *Thursday* the 10th instant at half past Two o'clock as proposed by their Lordships

*Die Martis 15<sup>o</sup> Julii 1919*

The Evidence taken before the Joint Committee from time to time to be *printed* but no copies to be delivered out except to Members of the Committee and such other persons as the Committee shall think fit until further order

*Die Lunae 17 Novembris 1919*

Report from the Joint Committee (with the Proceedings of the Committee) made and to be printed

Witnesses of Evidence (with Appendices) laid upon the Table and to be delivered out

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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[*Thursday 29th May 1919* ]—Government of India Bill — To make further provision with respect to the Government of India presented by Mr Secretary *Montagu* supported by Mr *Chancellor of the Exchequer* and Mr *Herbert Fisher* to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed [Bill 94]

[*Thursday 5th June 1919* ]—Government of India Bill —Order for Second Reading read Motion made and Question proposed — That the Bill be now read a second time  
Motion made and Question proposed — That the Debate be now adjourned (Colonel *Meysey Thompson* )—Motion by leave *withdrawn*  
Original Question put and *agreed to*  
Bill accordingly read a second time  
*Resolved* That it is expedient that the Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons (Mr Secretary *Montagu* )  
Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith

[*Thursday 3rd July 1919* ]—Government of India Bill—Motion made and Question put That the Government of India Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords (Colonel *Gibbs* )—The House *divided*  
Ayes 336 Noes 23

*Resolved* That the Government of India Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords  
Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith  
Mr *Bennett* Sir *Henry Craik* Sir *Donald Maclean* Mr Secretary *Montagu* Major *Ormsby Gore* Sir *J D Rees* and Mr *Spoor* were nominated Members of the Committee  
*Ordered* That the Committee have power to send for persons papers and records  
*Ordered* That Four be the quorum (Colonel *Gibbs* )

[*Monday 7th July 1919* ]—Government of India Bill—The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Seven Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Government of India Bill pursuant to the Message of the Commons of the 7th of July The Lords propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room A on Thursday the 10th of July at 2 30 o'clock

*Ordered* That the Committee of this House do meet the Committee of the Lords as proposed by their Lordships (Lord *Edmund Talbot* )—Message to the Lords to acquaint them

[*Friday 11th July 1919* ]—Government of India [Salaries and Expenses]—Resolution reported

That it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys to be provided by Parliament of the salary of the Secretary of State for India the salaries of his under secretaries and any other expenses of his Department payable under any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the Government of India and the payment out of the Revenues of India of any salaries pensions or other expenses which may become payable under such Act

Resolution *agreed to*

[*Tuesday 5th August 1919* ]—Government of India Bill —*Ordered* That Sir Donald Maclean be discharged from the Select Committee on the Government of India Bill.—(Colonel *Gibbs* )

Motion made and Question proposed That Mr Acland be added to the Committee — (Colonel *Gibbs* )—

And the Motion being opposed after a brief explanatory statement from a Member who opposed the Motion and from a Member who supported it Mr Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No 11

Question *agreed to*

*Ordered* That Mr Acland be added to the Committee

[*Wednesday 13th August 1919* ]—Government of India Bill (Joint Committee)—*Ordered* That the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords to consider the Government of India Bill have leave to sit notwithstanding the adjournment of the House.—(Mr Secretary *Montagu* )

*Ordered* That for the remainder of its sittings Three to be the quorum of the Select Committee.—(Mr Secretary *Montagu* )

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